

UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention, and Treatment Services (CHIPTS) and the National AIDS Housing Coalition (NAHC) present

# The Housing Determinant:

*Integrating Housing into the Continuum of HIV Services*



**Tuesday, October 21, 2014**  
**8am to 5pm**

**UCLA Covel Commons**  
**Grand Horizon Room**  
**330 De Neve Drive**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90024**



# Welcome

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention, and Treatment Services (CHIPTS), in collaboration with the National AIDS Housing Coalition, is proud to host today's conference on the "The Housing Determinant: Integrating Housing into the Continuum of HIV Services."

Evidence now shows that it is far more expensive to provide services to people living with HIV/AIDS who are homeless or transitionally housed than when these same individuals have a home, apartment or other living space that they can call their home. Today, we look forward to recognizing programs that are already integrating housing into the care continuum and to hearing from others about innovations we should consider in this era of shrinking resources that are allocated to HIV care and prevention. We welcome you to UCLA and to the broader Los Angeles communities. We hope that the day is valuable and that the information you learn and the people you meet leave you invigorated and renewed in ensuring that stable housing is the first piece in a competent and humane continuum of HIV services.

Today's event is supported by funding from the National Institute of Mental Health (MH058107), UCLA Center for Behavioral and Addiction Medicine, City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's Office, Friends Research Institute, Los Angeles County Commission on HIV, and UCLA Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center. Also, this event would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our collaborators, including the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, UCLA AIDS Institute, and UCLA Center for AIDS Research.

We hope you enjoy the conference and we look forward to meeting you!

Yours truly,

The Conference Planning Committee

# Agenda

- 8:00 a.m.      **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:45 a.m.      **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Steve Shoptaw, PhD**, Co-Director, CHIPTS & Executive Director, CBAM
  - **Nancy Bernstine**, Executive Director, National AIDS Housing Coalition (NAHC)
- 9:00 a.m.      **Opening Remarks**
- **The Honorable John D'Amico**, Mayor, City of West Hollywood
  - **The Honorable Paul Koretz**, Los Angeles City Councilmember, Fifth District
- 9:15 a.m.      **Morning Keynote Presentation**
- **Douglas M. Brooks, MSW**, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy
- 10:00 a.m.      **National Perspectives on the Role of Housing in the Continuum of HIV Services**
- **Greg Millett, MPH**, Vice President and Director of Public Policy, amfAR
  - **Jennifer Ho**, Senior Advisor on Housing and Services, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- 10:45 a.m.      **Break**
- 11:00 a.m.      **Achieving HIV Health Outcomes with Housing**  
*HIV Care Cascade In A New York City HOPWA Program*
- **John Rojas, MPA**, Assistant Commissioner for Management, Division of Disease Control, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
  - **Rachel Johnson, MPH**, Director of Monitoring and Evaluation, Housing Services, Division of Disease Control, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Impact Of Unmet Subsistence Needs On HIV Health Outcomes*
- **Elise Riley, PhD**, Associate Professor, University of California San Francisco
- Impact Of A Low-Threshold Housing Program On HIV Health, Mortality And Health Care Costs Among PLWH*
- **Joshua Bamberger, MD, MPH**, Medical Consultant, San Francisco Department of Public Health, Division of Housing and Urban Health

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- 12:00 p.m.      **Lunch – Sunset Terrace**
- 1:00 p.m.      **Afternoon Keynote Presentation - *The Continuing Imperative: Housing as a Platform for Serving People Living with HIV/AIDS***
- **Raphael Bostic, PhD**, Professor and Judith and John Bedrosian Chair in Governance and the Public Enterprise at USC Sol Price School of Public Policy
- 1:35 p.m.      **Local Efforts In Addressing Health and Housing Among PLWA**  
*Outcomes from Housing High Cost Homeless Hospital Patients*
- **Daniel Flaming, PhD**, President, Economic Roundtable
- 10,000 Units of Supportive Housing Linked to the Public Health System*
- **Marc Trotz**, Director of Housing for Health, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services
- Strategies for Addressing Housing and Healthcare*
- **Shannon Legere, LCSW**, Chief Program Officer, People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)
- Housing Rights of People Living with HIV/AIDS*
- **Shawn Kravich, Esq.**, Director, Los Angeles HIV Law and Policy Project
  - **Rebecca Watson, Esq.**, Staff Attorney, Inner City Law Center
- 3:00 p.m.      **Break**
- 3:15 p.m.      **Breakout sessions – Developing Research and Policy Action Strategies**
- **Session A** – Measuring Impact: What Monitoring And Reporting Tools Are Needed To Measure The Impact Of Housing On HIV Outcomes? - *Salon E*  
Moderated by **Elise Riley, PhD** and **Rachel Johnson, MPH**
  - **Session B** – Redefining Homelessness: What Are Models And Approaches For Integrating Housing Into The HIV Care Continuum? - *Salon F*  
Moderated by **Steve Shoptaw, PhD** and **Lois Takahashi, PhD**
  - **Session C** - Housing And Healthcare Under The Affordable Care Act: Innovative Strategies For Maintaining And Expanding Housing For PLWH – *Salon G*  
Moderated by **Ginny Shubert** and **Nancy Bernstine**

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- 4:00 p.m.      **Sharing Research and Policy Action Strategies**
- 4:30 p.m.      **Closing Remarks**
- **Christopher M. Gordon, PhD**, Branch Chief, National Institute of Mental Health
- 4:45 p.m.      **Evaluation and Next Steps**
- **Steve Shoptaw, PhD**, Co-Director, CHIPTS & Executive Director, CBAM
- 5:00 p.m.      **Conference Adjourn**

# Presenter's Bios



**Steve Shoptaw, PhD** is the Co-Director of CHIPTS and the Executive Director of the UCLA Center for Behavioral and Addiction Medicine (CBAM). Also, he is a Professor and Vice Chair for Research in the UCLA Department of Family Medicine.

Over the past 22 years, he has conducted a series of clinical studies in community clinic settings, primarily on topics that involve developing and testing medical and behavioral interventions to treat substance abuse and prevent the spread of HIV. In addition, he is the Executive Director of Safe House, a 26 bed facility that provides emergency, transitional and permanent housing to persons living with HIV/AIDS, chemical dependency, transitional and permanent housing to persons living with HIV/AIDS, chemical dependency, and mental illness who are homeless or at risk for homelessness.



**Nancy Bernstine** has served as executive director of the National AIDS Housing Coalition since 2003. Since 2005, NAHC has convened the HIV/AIDS Research Summit Series, the premiere venue for the presentation and discussion of cutting edge research documenting housing's role in HIV prevention and healthcare. Nancy has worked for more than 20 years in senior policy positions in the nonprofit affordable housing sector and is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and the American Bar Association Affordable Housing Forum.



**The Honorable John D'Amico** became Mayor of West Hollywood in April 2014. Mayor John D'Amico is committed to providing affordable housing, a consistently high level of social services for residents in need, as well as a safe place to live, visit, and play. Mayor D'Amico holds two Master's Degrees, one in Architecture and Urban Planning and the other in Aesthetics and Politics. He has over 20 years of professional experience with large-scale project planning and development and management including work at UCLA, ABC, the Walt Disney Studios and the affordable housing developer of the Los Angeles Housing Partnership.



**The Honorable Paul Koretz** is a member of the Los Angeles City Council, representing District 5. He was first elected to the council in 2009 and was reelected in 2013. Before becoming a member of the Los Angeles City Council, he was a member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006 where he represented the 42nd Assembly District. Councilmember Koretz earned a B.A. from UCLA. His professional experience includes working on the staff of several Los Angeles City Council members and serving as the Southern California Director of the CA League of Conservation Voters and the Administrative Director of the Ecology Center of Southern California.

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**Douglas M. Brooks, MSW** is the Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy. He is the President's lead advisor on domestic HIV/AIDS and is responsible for overseeing implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and guiding the Administration's HIV/AIDS policies across Federal agencies. His prior work includes directly managing and/or overseeing the management of federally funded projects, including Ryan White programs for adolescents, CDC Prevention for African American/Black youth, and a HRSA and HOPWA Special Project of National Significance. Mr. Brooks has a Master of Social Work from Boston University, and is a licensed clinical social worker in Massachusetts.



**Greg Millett, MPH** is Vice President and Director of Public Policy at amfAR. Prior to joining amfAR, he served as the Health and Human Services/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Liaison to the White House Office of National AIDS Policy. From 2009 to 2011, Mr. Millett served as a detailee in the White House Office of National AIDS Policy as a Senior Policy Advisor. In this role, he coordinated the Office's policy and research activities, including HIV prevention policy and the federal-level inter-agency process to develop the National AIDS Strategy. Mr. Millett has a Master of Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



**Jennifer Ho** is the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary's Senior Advisor for Housing and Services. In this role, she manages the Department's work to connect housing with health and social services. From February 2010 to February 2013, Ms. Ho was a Deputy Director at the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. She shepherded the development of Opening Doors, the nation's first-ever comprehensive federal plan to prevent and end homelessness. She facilitated development of the USICH youth framework, and served as point person on issues related to families and chronic homelessness.



**John Rojas, MPA** is the Assistant Commissioner of Management for the Division of Disease Control at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH). He is responsible for oversight of management and administrative activities for six bureaus, including HIV, STD, TB, Public Health Laboratory, Communicable Diseases, and Immunization. He is also responsible for direct oversight of the Department's HIV/AIDS housing initiatives. He holds a Master of Public Administration and has over 18+ years of experience designing, implementing, and managing programs serving persons living with HIV/AIDS and other vulnerable populations.

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**Rachel Johnson, MPH** is the Director of Monitoring and Evaluation for Housing Services within the Division of Disease Control at the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene where she helps administer nearly \$60 million in federal housing grants for PLWHA, including the Housing Opportunity for Persons Living with AIDS (HOPWA) and Ryan White Part A grants. In this position, she also coordinates the Enhanced Housing Placement Assistance (EHPA) program, a longitudinal housing study looking at housing and health outcomes of chronically homeless PLWHA. She received her Master of Public Health from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University.



**Elise Riley, PhD** is an Associate Professor in the UCSF Department of Medicine. Her emphasis on community-based research is intended to facilitate tenable health solutions in the context of poverty. It emphasizes patient-oriented strategies for the delivery of health care that offer the ability to understand complex situations through long-term follow-up.



**Joshua Bamberger, MD, MPH** has been working for the San Francisco Department of Public Health caring for people living with homelessness since 1991. During his time with DPH, Dr. Bamberger coordinated all medical and behavioral health services at the health department's supportive housing programs which grew from one building in 1999 to 43 buildings today serving over 1700 tenants. Dr. Bamberger is an Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Family Medicine, University of California, San Francisco and the Center for Excellence in Primary Care. He has been practicing family medicine with people living with poverty since 1989.



**Raphael Bostic, PhD**, the Judith and John Bedrosian Chair in Governance and the Public Enterprise at the University of Southern California's Price School of Public Policy, directs the Bedrosian Center on Governance and the Public Enterprise. For three years, he was the Obama Administration's Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In that Senate-confirmed principal position, he advised HUD's Secretary on policy and research, to promote informed decisions on HUD policies, programs, and budget and legislative proposals. Dr. Bostic led an interdisciplinary team which had expertise in housing, housing finance, rental assistance, community development, economic development, sustainability, and homelessness, among others. He earned his PhD in Economics from Stanford and his BA from Harvard.



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**Daniel Flaming, PhD** is President of the Economic Roundtable, a nonprofit organization created in 1991 to carry out applied economic, social and environmental research. Their research into public costs for homelessness led to development of a screening tool for identifying hospital patients with the highest public costs. The Roundtable is collaborating with a team of social service and housing organizations in implementing screening and housing programs at 18 hospitals that identify high need homeless patients and place them directly into permanently affordable housing with supportive services. Dr. Flaming received his Ph.D. in Urban Studies and his Master's Degree in Urban Planning. He has led more than 50 major research projects at the Roundtable that have provided tools for building more inclusive and sustaining communities.



**Marc Trotz** is currently the Director of Housing for Health for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS). Prior to working for the DHS, Mr. Trotz was the Housing Director for the San Francisco Department of Public Health. In that role, he introduced the Direct Access to Housing program which has been recognized nationally as a pioneering approach to housing and stabilizing people who have had long histories of homelessness along with complex medical and behavioral health issues.



**Shannon Legere, LCSW** is the Chief Program Officer at People Assisting the Homeless (PATH). In her role, she works to ensure that the organization is effectively working to end homelessness for individuals, families, and communities. Ms. Legere comes to PATH with 13 years of experience working with severely mentally ill homeless populations. She was previously the Program Development Officer for Mental Health America of Los Angeles, a national leader in psychosocial rehabilitation, and served as the Deputy Director of the Village ISA, Mental Health America's flagship program focused specifically on delivering mental health and recovery services to homeless individuals with severe mental illness. Ms. Legere has a Master's Degree in Social Work and has been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for 11 years.



**Shawn Kravich, Esq.** is the Director of the Los Angeles HIV Law and Policy Project. In his role, he is responsible for the centralized intake and outreach for HIV-related legal issues in Los Angeles County and performs both litigation and policy work on issues that affect people living with HIV or AIDS. Mr. Kravich received his Juris Doctorate concentrating in Public Interest Law and Policy and Critical Race Studies from UCLA.

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**Rebecca Watson, Esq.** is a Staff Attorney at Inner City Law Center. She leads a team of staff who represent clients living with HIV/AIDS in public benefits and housing related matters—including Social Security disability and overpayment appeals, appealing denials of food stamps and other benefits, landlord-tenant disputes, and appeals of Section 8 terminations. Her areas of specialty include immigrant eligibility for public benefits and HIV/AIDS and Social Security eligibility. In order to provide holistic services to their clients, her team coordinates closely with housing and social services providers in LA County that serve people living with HIV/AIDS.



**Lois M. Takahashi, PhD** is Professor in the Departments of Urban Planning and Asian American Studies at UCLA, Associate Dean for Research at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, Associate Director of the University of California Asian American and Pacific Islander Policy Multicampus Research Program, and Vice-President/President-Elect of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP). She studies HIV prevention, especially for Asian immigrants and Pacific Islanders (with John Chin at Hunter College), and community violence (with Dexter Voisin at the University of Chicago). She serves as board member for APAIT and the Western Center on Law and Poverty.



**Virginia (Ginny) Shubert** is a principal of Shubert Botein Policy Associates (SBPA), a public policy consulting group that supports the development and implementation of public policies and programs that impact low-income people and communities. Ms. Shubert has 28 years' experience as an advocate, service provider and consultant working on poverty and health issues including homelessness and access to housing, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and behavioral health. A graduate of the Harvard Law School, she has been counsel in landmark lawsuits involving access to care and services. Currently, among other consulting projects, she directs the Public Policy and Research Department at Housing Works and works with the National AIDS Housing Coalition to develop and document the Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit Series.

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